

## BOOK REVIEW

CHUCK R. COFFEE and RUSSELL L. STEVENS. 2004. **Grasses of Southern Oklahoma and North Texas: A Pictorial Guide**. (ISBN 0-9754303-0-0, pbk.). Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc., Agricultural Division, 2510 Sam Noble Parkway, Ardmore, OK 73401, U.S.A. (**Orders:** Noble Foundation, Attn: Ag Publications Distribution, 2510 Sam Noble Pky, Ardmore, OK 73401; <http://www.noble.org/Storefront/AgStore/Product.asp?ProductID=NF-FO-04-01>). \$25.00 + \$4.00 shipping, 120 pp., color images, b/w drawings, glossary, index, 8 1/2" × 11".

Have you always wanted an easy to use pictorial reference for local north Texas or southern Oklahoma grasses? *The Grasses of Southern Oklahoma and North Texas: A Pictorial Guide* is that perfect reference. This guide includes color photographs of 116 common grasses of the north Texas and southern Oklahoma region. Each species is devoted one page with photographs showing the entire plant and up-close images of key features such as spikelets, inflorescence, and the sheath wrapping around the stem. Key features of the plant, including uses by wildlife and livestock, are included for each species. In small boxes that accompany the photographs, the authors have also included additional species information including family, tribe, synonymous names, longevity, seasonality, origin, height, and flowering period.

This book can easily be used by farmers, ranchers, students, gardeners, nature enthusiasts, and seasoned professionals alike. Familiarity with botanical terminology is not required; authors provide a figure with all key parts labeled, as well as a glossary of key terms. The plants included in the books are listed in multiple ways: by tribe, by indexes of common names, and by scientific names. Authors have also included a list of useful references for finding additional information.

This guide is highly recommended for anyone with an interest in learning about north Texas and southern Oklahoma grasses. Ranchers, land managers, and gardeners will find useful information regarding habitat, environmental value, and wildlife/livestock usage. The many color photographs are an asset for anyone wanting to identify these species in the field. It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and this guide includes a number of carefully selected images showing the growth form and key features for each species. This guide will be a wonderful and useful addition to your library.—*Lee Luckeydo, Herbarium, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.*